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To: All Compostable Organic Materials Interested Parties

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COMPOSTABLE ORGANICS MATERIALS TRANSFER/PROCESSING OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES DISCUSSION-DRAFT REGULATIONS, FOR SUMMER 2000 WORKSHOPS AND INFORMAL REVIEW

Compostable Organic Materials Transfer/Processing Operations and Facilities discussion-draft regulations are available for review. The regulations and summary can be viewed online at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Rulemaking/organics/>. If you would like a copy of these documents sent to you, please contact Cory Sanders at (916) 255-3288.

This discussion-draft incorporates regulatory language additions and amendments regarding issues such as:

- Slot Chipping & Grinding into Permit Tiers (treated same as a composting operation/facility);
- Redefine Green Material ($\leq 0.5\%$ physical contaminants by weight – similar to current "clean green");
- Allow flexibility in metals testing for green material with LEA involvement (similar to current pathogen reduction options);
- Annual inspections instead of quarterly, with EA approval, for agricultural operations (unless composts non-ag green material and sells or gives-away greater than 2,500 cubic yards);
- Non-Green includes animal, material with greater than 0.5% but less than 10% physical contaminants, and other materials that aren't green, sewage sludge, or mixed solid waste;
- Full permit may be required for green material facility greater than 20,000 cubic yards (currently requires Standardized permit); EA may allow down-tier to EA Notification or Registration;
- Odor Impact Minimization Plan required for all operations and facilities;
- All feedstock and compost (active, curing, and cured) counts toward volume - currently, only compost feedstock and active compost applies to volume;
- Other State Minimum Standards, such as record injuries to public, require removal of refuse pulled from feedstock within 7 days, prevent or remove sharps.

We hope to stimulate discussion and interested party participation during these summer workshops and informal comment period.

Formal notice of the rulemaking is scheduled for late fall 2000. In order to assist us in meeting our deadline for formal notice of the rulemaking, we ask that you please submit your informal comments **by Monday, August 28, 2000**, to Brian Larimore, CIWMB, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826.